

Highlights of the Draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) List

Summary of Waters

2,398 waters are included in the 2016 List of Waters

- 1,051 Supporting
 - 5,889 miles streams and coastal streams
 - 255,485 acres lakes
 - 31.51 miles coastal beaches
 - 35 square miles sounds/harbors
- 1,226 Not Supporting
 - 8,526 miles streams and coastal streams
 - 96,754 acres lakes
 - 10 square miles sounds/harbors
 - 2.74 miles coastal beaches
- 121 Assessment Pending
 - 668 miles streams and coastal streams
 - 39,542 acres lakes
 - 43 square miles sounds/harbors

New data was received and assessed for 669 waters (including waters that have been assessed in the past and waters assessed and added to the list for the first time in 2016)

93 new waters were added to the 2016 List of Waters

- 38 Supporting
- 45 Not Supporting
- 10 Assessment Pending

21 waters assessed as “Assessment Pending” or “Not Supporting” on the 2014 305(b)/303(d) list were moved to the “Supporting” list in 2016.

24 waters that were assessed as “Supporting” or “Assessment Pending” on the 2014 305(b)/303(d) list were moved to the “Not Supporting” list in 2016.

Pollutants Removed

FC removed from 17 waters
DO removed from 11 waters
pH removed from 4 waters
Bio F removed from 4 waters

Metals removed from 10 waters
Enterococci removed from 1 water

Pollutants Added

FC added to 31 waters
Bio F added to 34 waters
DO added to 7 waters
pH added to 21 waters
Metals added to 4 waters
Organics added to 2 waters
Selenium added to 3 waters

Fish Consumption

7 waters placed in Category 3 for arsenic in fish tissue
1 water placed in Category 5 for TWR (mercury in fish tissue)
3 waters placed in Category 3 for TWR (mercury in fish tissue)

Lakes (Chlorophyll *a* & Phosphorus)

- 1 sections of Lake Allatoona (Etowah River Arm) was moved from “Assessment Pending” to “Supporting” based on chlorophyll *a* data.
- 1 section of Lake Lanier (Dam Pool) was moved from “Supporting” to “Assessment Pending” based on chlorophyll *a* data.
- Chlorophyll *a* was removed from 1 section of Lake Lanier (Browns Bridge) – water moved from Category 5 to Category 1.
- Removed phosphorus from both sections of Carters Lake (Coosawatee River Embayment and US Woodring Branch/Midlake)

Other Changes

- The name and/or location information for 165 waters on the 305(b)/303(d) list were updated. Most of the changes involved removing abbreviations that had been used in the past (such as “trib” for “tributary” and “S” for “South”). A few changes/corrections were also made to the designated uses.
- In order to match EPA’s database, all reach ID’s now start with GA. For instance in the 2014 list, the Reach ID for the Coleman River was R030601020104 and in 2016 it is GAR030601020104.
- The 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters includes a field called “Priority Year”. This is the year by which EPD plans to draft a TMDL for a given water on the list. The priority year was changed for 107 waters. The vast majority of these changes were made for waters in the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Tennessee, Savannah and Ogeechee River Basins where the priority year was changed from 2014 to 2015 for 94 waters.
- The format of the 2016 305(b)/303(d) list of waters was modified slightly. In the past, waters have been grouped by water type and then by assessment (e.g. all Lakes grouped

together with all supporting lakes at the front of the list followed by those assessed as “not supporting” and then those assessed as “assessment pending”). The draft 2016 list of waters is still grouped by waterbody type, but is no longer grouped by assessment. The waters are just arranged alphabetically by waterbody type and a field has been added to the report to show whether the water is “supporting”, “not supporting”, or “assessment pending”. In addition, some of the other fields have been rearranged on the report.